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The Value of Scarce Stamps.

BY REX.

[*Written expressly for this Journal.*]

A GREAT many collectors have, no doubt, remarked that there is a great difference between the prices of scarce stamps in this country and in Europe. If it was confined to a certain country's stamps, or if it were only a few varieties that were effected thereby, it would be possible to pass such without any curiosity. But when certain stamps fetch only half the price on one side of the Atlantic that they do on the other, it is well to enquire the reason. The only feasible reason that I can offer is the law of supply and demand But why should certain varieties keep steady at higher prices? I find that many stamps are far cheaper in England or France than here, but by far the greater number are to be had cheaper here. In order to fathom the mystery of this question, I have gone carefully over all the recent German, French and English papers as well as price-lists and priced auction catalogues of 1890, particularly noting prices of *used* stamps *sold* and offered for sale, and have compared these with our own prices (for used specimens) with the following result:—

	U. S. Price.	Foreign Price.
Baden, 1862, 18 kr.	$1 00	$2 00
Bavaria, 1870, 12 kr.	1 25	2 00
Brazil, 1843, 30 reis	1 00	2 50
" 1844, 180 reis	7 50	6 00
" " 300 reis	10 00	7 00
Bolivia, 1867, 10 c. brown	12 00	9 50

	U. S. Price.	Foreign. Price.
British Guiana, 1851, 1 c. magenta	15 00	7 00
" " " 4 " blue	20 00	10 00
" " 1882, 1 " (provisl)	75	1 25
" " " 2 " "	1 00	1 50
Canada, 1857, ½d, unperf.	75	1 75
" 1852, 6d, "	2 00	3 75
" 1356, 6d., perf. (sold for this)	29 00	25 90
" 1854, 10d.	2 50	3 00
" 1870, 3 c, laid paper	1 50	3 50
" officially sealed	2 50	3 50
" 1860, env., 10 c., (unused)	2 50	4 75
Ceylon, 1857, 8d	20 00	15 00
" " 9d.	12 00	7 50
Fernanda, Po., 1868, 20c	5 00	2 75
Hong Kong, 96c., yellow brown	3 50	2 50
Mauritius, 1848, 1d., red	7 50	10 00
New South Wales, 3d., Sydney view	3 50	4 50
" " " 1854, 1s., red	1 00	1 75
New Brunswick, 3d.. 1857	1 00	1 75
" " 6d., "	2 50	4 00
" " 1s., "	30 00	42 00
" " Connell (proof)	5 00	10 00
Newfoundland, 8d., vermilion (rarer used)	1 00	5 00
" 1s., "	40 00	38 00
Nova Scotia, 1851, 1d.	1 50	2 75
" " 3d.	65	1 00
" " 6d.	2 00	3 00
" " 1s.	25 00	31 00
Prince Edward Island, 2d. (perf. 9)	2 50	4 50
" " " 3d. "	2 50	4 00
Saxony, 1854, 10 n. g.	1 00	1 50
South Australia, 1860, 1s., yellow	1 00	1 25
Spain, 1850, 6 r.	2 50	1 75
Sweden, 1855, 3 s. k.	2 00	1 25
Tasmanina, 1870, 4d. blue	5 00	7 75
United States, Providence, 5c.	4 00	6 25
" " " 10c.	20 00	13 00
" " New York, 5c.	3 50	5 50
" " 1851, 5c. (on entire cover)	3 00	6 25
" " 1856, 5c, red brown	6 00	9 00
" " 1861, 5c., yellow	3 50	5 00
" " 1869, 24c.	1 50	2 00
Wurttemberg, 1851, 18kr.	75	2 50
" 1863, 18kr., orange	50	1 60

The above figures were taken as they came at random (principally London sale prices) and not selected. Stamps are generally worth one-third to one-half more when on the original covers. That is the English style of collecting stamps —on the entires—if possible. An advertisement of an American dealer in a London (Eng.) paper, recently, shows that he is quite well aware of the good prices desirable stamps fetch on the British market, for he has the following amounts asked for used specimens on the entire original covers:

Canada,	3d. wove	..... $1 00
"	6d. "	..... 5 00
"	6d. laid	..... 6 00
N. B.,	3d.	..... 2 50
N. S.,	3d.	..... 2 00

These prices will only serve to guide our buyers here, who will see what is a bargain more readily. One wholesale importer advertises N. S. 1d's, at the price of 120 shillings a dozen, which means 10 shillings = $2.50 as a *wholesale* price for each. The 1d. is certainly worth as much, if not more, than the N. S. 6d.

The Canada 7½d. is catalogued by Scott at $5 00, but the same firm sold one at auction for $7.75. The N. B. shilling has been sold for as high as $34.00, and the N. S. shilling at $28.00, during the past year, in the U. S. Three unsevered N. S. 1d. sold in London at the "Col. Knox" sale for exactly $12. Too much attention cannot be given to these prices, as they will enable collectors to be keen in buying, and from the want of this information dealers are able to snap up bargains at sales, which, of course, they have a perfect right to do whenever the chance offers. The Providence 10 cent is catalogued at $20, yet sold at auction for $12.50. A great deal depends upon the condition of the stamp, and prices quoted above are for ordinary used specimens in good condition.

The rumpus in New York over the *Metropolitan Philatelist* has resulted in the issue of two papers under that name. One has been got out by the regular board of managers, and the other, with Mr. C. B. Corwin as editor, is in press and will be

issued shortly. Both claim to be the "only original," and who is to settle this much-disputed point is beyond the realm of guessing. It is a point that will affect the advertisers very materially, while the subscribers will receive two papers containing different matter.—Quaker City Phil.

Of course none of our readers consider stamp collecting or dealing "child's play." But those who have friends that so consider it, might inform them that Pemberton, Wilson & Co., an English firm, have just sold out for £13,500, net cash, or about $67,500. Also, that Stanley Gibbons Company (Limited) of London, England, recently took account of stock, which amounted at buying prices, to £37,000, or about $185,000. Not much "child's play" about that.—Eastern Philatelist.

All Sorts and Conditions of Stamps.

BY A. E. JUBIEN, HALIFAX, N. S.

GLANCING over the collection of a young lad the other day I was surprised to see such a number of torn and delapitated stamps. On the question being put to him as to why he ruined his collection by having these bad specimens side by side with good ones, the answer came with emphasis: "They count."

They count! What a miserable manner in which to collect postage stamps. To go on adding specimen after specimen all badly torn, and still to consider that as the country was complete it made no difference whether they were good or bad specimens. Again, on looking through the same album, which, by the way, was a Scott's 9th edition, I noticed postage stamps surcharged revenue inserted in space that should have been reserved for the first-named stamps. When told of this, he said: "Oh! there is no space for the revenues so I put them in there. But what will you do when you get a postage specimen? he was again asked.

" I won't get another one as the space is filled in my album, or if I do get one I shall exchange it for something else." In other collections that I have examined I find that there is the same need of interest taken in placing stamps (sometimes very good ones), and also that torn specimens are added to complete sets, thus spoiling the uniformity and neatness that would otherwise be prominent.

Inserting stamps in albums: There are various ways of doing this, but I think that about the best one is to use " gummed hinges," (they can be procured from almost any dealer), and to hinge your stamps in the album in such a manner as to easily examine the backs. The old method of putting stamps in albums by gumming the back and pasting them fast down has for the most part been done away with, but there are some few collectors who still stick to it, and who will, if, when at any future time they decide to change their albums have a severe and long trial in removing their specimens from the old to the new album.

To be continued.

We would advise all our readers to look out for the " Hooper Sale " of stamps by the Scott Stamp and Coin Company. It will be a pity if all the rare provisionals fall to the lot of dealers, who will double their prices on them to European collectors. Our Canadian collectors can surely compete with dealers in bidding, and if you want a N. B. or N. S. shilling put in a bid for it as it may be a last chance. Mr. Hooper's collection is particularly fine in Nova Scotia and Canada stamps.

We owe an apology to our readers in regard to the first number of this paper. It was advertised in all the principal magazines to appear on December 10th, which date was postponed till February 10th.

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Editorial.

TO all our readers, Greeting! With this number we hope to commence a friendship which will be everlasting. We shall try to bring collectors in different countries in closer contact with each other by publishing extracts from foreign journals, and also by publishing reports of societies from all over the world. The pages of this paper will always be open to correspondents.

Our exchange column is free to all subscribers, and we hope to make it a very interesting portion of the paper. Send us a description of all novelties you may come across in the stamp line. Original articles always in demand. We hope to make this paper strictly first class in every particular; and for this purpose we have secured the services of some of the best writers in America. We should be very much obliged if our foreign friends would send us a description, or, better still, a sample of any new stamp or stamps which should appear in their country, so that we could describe the same in our Chronicle.

Philatelic Gossip.

BY CANADENSIS.

CANADA, 6d. of 1851, is quoted in Paris at $3.50 each. There is quite an advance for all Canada pence issues.

Ceylon postcards, of 1885, 2½c. surcharged in black on 8c. brown with the words "The price is 3 cents with the card," are selling at Paris for 35 francs or $7.00 apiece.

The General Anzeiger fur Philatelie for October, published in Germany, quotes the following prices as currents:—Canada, lished 1851, 6d., $3.75; 7½d., $7.00; 10d., $4.50; N. S. 1s., $30.00; N. B. 1s., $32.50; U. S., 1847, 5c., 50cts; 10c., $1.50; New Zealand £5, $5.75.

Uniformed females is the order in Germany. All the girls employed in the German postal telegraph service are ordered to wear a uniform, which consists of a blue jersey with orange collar and brass buttons.

The parcel post between Canada and Japan has gone into effect. The limit of weight is 5 lbs., at 25c. per lb.

A New York daily paper recently stated, on the authority of a stamp collector, that a *number* of American stamps were valued at $500 each and a *few* at $1,000 apiece. The name of the collector, the names of the stamps, and the *authority* for the price are now in order.

The rarest revenue in the Canadas is the N. S. $3 bill stamp of 1868. But four specimens are known.

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